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REMUNERATIVE PRICE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the farmers are not getting proper remunerative price for their produce and middlemen sold the foodgrains, fruits and vegetables at three times their cost in the market;

(b) if so, whether the Government is formulating any scheme to purchase the produce directly from the farmers so that they could get proper price for their produce;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the measures likely to be taken by the Union Government to free the farmers from the clutches of middlemen and for direct procurement by the State Governments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (d): To provide competitive and alternative choices to the producers for sale of their produce directly to` the consumers/processing industries etc. a model Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2003 has been circulated for its adoption by States/UTs. The model Act provides for direct marketing, contract farming and setting up of markets in private and cooperative sector etc . It also provides for setting up of farmers/consumers markets, special commodity markets etc.

Wholesale marketing of agricultural produce is serviced through a network of regulated markets in the country under respective State APMC Acts. Under the Act, the market area and agricultural produce are notified by the concerned State APMCs which compels the seller to sell their produce in markets through licensed traders/commission agents.

To provide direct sale of produce by farmers to the consumers, different State Governments have set up farmers market which facilitates direct sales at remunerative prices by the producer.